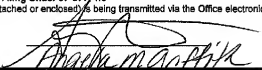


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.